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Applicant(s):	Nancy D. HANSON et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1655
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Serial No.:	09/814,257)	Examiner:	F. Lu
Confirmation No.:	6204)		
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For:	PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES			

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 mailed 12 December 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Substitute Specification and a copy of the specification as filed including markings indicated in red showing changes to the specification

Remarks

The Substitute Specification has been provided solely to correct the margins at pages 48-51. No new matter has been added, and no text has been either added or deleted in the Substitute Specification. The text on pages 48-51 has merely been adjusted to provide margins that comply with 37 U.S.C. §1.52 (a)(ii). The correct margins, at least 2.0 centimeters at the top, right, and bottom margins, and at least 2.5 centimeters at the left margin, are indicated in red on the marked-up version of the specification at pages 48-51.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, the Substitute Specification includes pages 48-51 amended solely to correct the margins. As the Substitute Specification provides specification pages 48-51 with the correct margins the Examiner's objection is rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Summary

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for
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